The Rogers House HABS-NJ-241 Near Springside, Burlington County, New Jersey

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Owner: Fair Haven Farms, Inc.

Date of Erection: 1718

Architect:

Builder: John Rogers

Present Condition: Poor

Number of Stories: Two

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - brick for two older sections, later addition frame

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch, wood shingles

Historical Data:

The older section of this house, the north unit, was built in 1718 by John Rogers, a grandson of the pioneer of the Rogers family in America, likewise John. This section was built to replace an older house of log construction. Initials of the builder and the date of erection are verified by the black glazed headers in a north gable - "I. M. R. 1718". The house is now situated on the

Burlington-Mt. Holly Railroad near Springside. It is thought to be one of the oldest houses still standing in Burlington County.

We know that the son of the builder, also John, moved into the pine woods during the Revolution. His horses and mules, however, were pressed into the service of the British. The plantation of the Rogers family numbered several hundred acres, and they were among the largest slave holders in South Jersey.

The brick work of the building is still in good condition. Both the north and west sides have brick designs in black headers. The south end of the original section shows above the peak of the brick addition and it also exhibits a design of some sort. There is a fireplace with an eight foot opening in the original section. There is a frame addition on the south with connecting doorways. The building is rapidly falling into decay; no part of it is inhabited. Part of the roof has collapsed and much of the second story floor has been torn up.

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